

fracture, in the same area as the previous injury, and the leg was put in plaster again for some six weeks. So, instead of hoping to finish this season back in action, Ian must now plan his comeback for the start of next season. It was last April that he had a cartilage operation on the right knee, on recovery from which he broke the left leg in two places in a Reserve try-out at Swindon last August. We know supporters join us in wishing Ian complete recovery through the close-season, and we look forward to him starting 1972-73 fully fit again and ready to make up for all the football he has missed this winter.

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Chelsea's captaincy: A change in the Club captaincy was made last week-end, when Ron Harris was left out of the side for the first time this season. Eddie McCreadie is the new Club captain, and John Hollins took over the team captaincy against Manchester City last Saturday. In leading us to F.A. Cup and European Cup-Winners' Cup successes, Ron Harris has made his mark as no previous Chelsea captain did and, announcing the change, Manager Dave Sexton said: "Ron has been one of the rocks in our triumphs of the past two seasons, even at times when playing out of position. We have leaned on him for a long time, but he has lost a bit of form lately, and I feel it will be for the best to leave him out of the side tomorrow and also to relieve him of the responsibilities of captaincy. John Hollins takes over the team captaincy and Eddie McCreadie is our new Club captain. Eddie is injured just now, but if and when he gets back into the first team he will take over the captaincy on the field as well. I have made these changes in the best interests of the Club and also, I think, to help Ron get back his own form."

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Up from Somerset: Chelsea supporter Bill Hanlon, who comes from Taunton, is having a day out here today thanks to his ten-year-old son Kevin. Young Kevin beat all the soccer experts in his home town in a *Rothmans* football quiz, and the prize was a trip for two to a big match of their choice—which explains why Kevin and his Dad are here this afternoon. Says Bill: "I entered him for the competition, when I saw it announced in the local paper, to

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find out just how much he knew about his favourite sport. He'll know still more after watching today's game."

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Player of the Year: Four weeks today Chelsea's "Player of the Year" will be announced and he will receive the award at the Supporters' Club dance at Fulham Town Hall. That's on the night of the home match against Newcastle (April 22), and tickets—members 45p, non-members 60p—can be obtained now from Mr. J. Coombes, 103 Pulborough Road, London, S.W.18, or from the Supporters' Club Shop at 547 Fulham Road, S.W.6. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to Chelsea Supporters' Club.

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Chelsea's chosen: An ankle injury ruled Alan Hudson out of the Football League XI against the Scottish League at Middlesbrough last midweek, but both Alan and Steve Kember were in the England Under-23 squad for the match against East Germany on the Bristol City ground on Wednesday night.

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Into the Final: Chelsea Juniors beat Millwall here 4-1 on Monday in the semi-final of the London F.A. Youth Cup. Opponents, date and venue for the Final are now awaited.

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Important note to Season-ticket holders: Please advise our Ticket Office by Thursday next (March 30)—unless you have already done so—of any change of address since your present Season-ticket book was issued.